

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of Checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21 RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for Applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring the preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the question from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply". Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe the your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or to provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (Part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: 1710 Switchback Widening
2. Name of applicant: Washington Department of Natural Resources
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
Chance Brumley
Olympic Region
411 Tillicum Lane
Forks, WA 98331
(360) 374-2800
4. Date checklist prepared: 10/1/2009
5. Agency requesting checklist: Washington Department of Natural Resources
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Not Applicable
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal?

If yes, explain.

No

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

None

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

No

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

FPA, Incidental Take Permit

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agency may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

This proposal is for 165 feet of new road construction to widen a switchback at the 1710/C-2400 road intersection. Approximately 0.1 acres of right of way timber, totaling 2 mbf, will be removed in conjuncture with the proposal.

12. Location of proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographical map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any applications related to this checklist.

This proposal is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Forks, Washington off the 1700/C-2400 road system within the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 2 Township 25 North Range 12 West.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site (circle one): Rolling
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?
30%
- c. What general types of soils (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.
Silt Loam and Gravelly Loam
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.
No

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

165 feet of new road will be constructed; approximately 165 cubic yards of rock will be utilized. The fill source is a Rayonier owned rock pit.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.
Yes, a minor amount of erosion could occur during these operations.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? 50%

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Soil exposed during road construction with the potential to erode will be grass seeded and mulched with hay. During wet weather, road construction operations will be restricted to minimize erosion potential, soil rutting, and compaction.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from this proposal (i.e. dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Small amounts of engine exhaust and dust from equipment

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.
No
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:
None

3. Water

a. Surface:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

An unnamed perennial stream and Christmas Creek, both Type 3 streams, are adjacent to the site. They flow to the Clearwater River, Queets River, and to the Pacific Ocean.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Right of way harvest (approximately 0.1 acres) and road construction will occur within 200' of the described waters. All work will be done in accordance with Forest Practice Rules.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of the fill material.

None

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100 year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

No

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

No

b. Ground:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals . . .; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Does Not Apply

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Storm water will be collected by roadside ditches. Ditch-outs and culvert cross-drains will divert storm water onto stable forest floor. This water will percolate through the soil and ultimately flow into streams which drain the area.

2) Could waste material enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

No

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

Soil exposed during road construction with the potential to erode will be grass seeded and mulched with hay. During wet weather, road construction operations will be restricted to minimize erosion potential, soil rutting, and compaction. Ditches, ditch outs, and cross drains will divert storm water onto stable forest floor. This water will percolate through the soil and ultimately flow into streams which drain the area.

4. Plants

- a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

☒ deciduous tree: alder

☒ evergreen tree: western hemlock, Sitka spruce, Douglas-fir

☒ shrubs

☐ grass

☐ pasture

☐ crop or grain

☐ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other

☐ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

☐ other types of vegetation

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

0.1 acres of approximately 30 year old timber will be removed.

- c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

Does Not Apply

5. Animals

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

birds: songbirds

mammals: deer, bear, elk

fish: trout

- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

This site is part of the Pacific flyway but is not utilized as resting or foraging habitat for migratory waterfowl.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

None

6. Energy and Natural Resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electrical, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Does Not Apply

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:
Does Not Apply

7. Environmental Health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.
Equipment failure leading to fire or hazardous waste spill.
- 1) Describe any emergency services that might be required.
Fire suppression, hazardous waste cleanup, and emergency medical services
 - 2) Propose measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

The proposal requires the operators to minimize the risk of fire and hazardous waste spills.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

None

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.
Noise from heavy equipment during harvest and road construction operations.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Noise associated with heavy equipment during road building and harvesting operations

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?
Timber production, road access to forest lands, and recreation
- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.
No
- c. Describe any structures on the site.
No
- d. Will any structures be demolished? if so, what?
No
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?
Commercial Forestry
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
Commercial Forestry
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
Not Applicable
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.
No
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
None
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
None
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:
Does Not Apply
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:
This proposal is in compliance with existing land use plans

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle or low-income housing.
Does Not Apply
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
Does Not Apply
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:
Does Not Apply

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?
Does Not Apply
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
None
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:
None

11. Light and Glare

- a. What kind of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?
None
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?
Does Not Apply
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?
None
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:
Does Not Apply

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreation opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?
Dispersed informal recreation in the form of hunting, berry picking, mushroom picking, sightseeing, ect
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.
No
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreational opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:
None

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.
No
- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.
None
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:
A Trax report from the Planning and Tracking Special Concerns Report and the cultural resource layers on the State Upland Viewing tool indicated no known cultural resources on or near the proposal area.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans if any.
The site is accessed via US 101, the N-1000, the H-1060, the 1700, the C-2400, and the 1710 .

- b. Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?
No, nearest transit stop is 10 miles northwest along US 101.
- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?
Does Not Apply
- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).
165 feet of new private road
- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.
No
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.
Does not apply
- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:
None
15. Public Services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.
No
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.
Does Not Apply

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: None
- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.
None

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

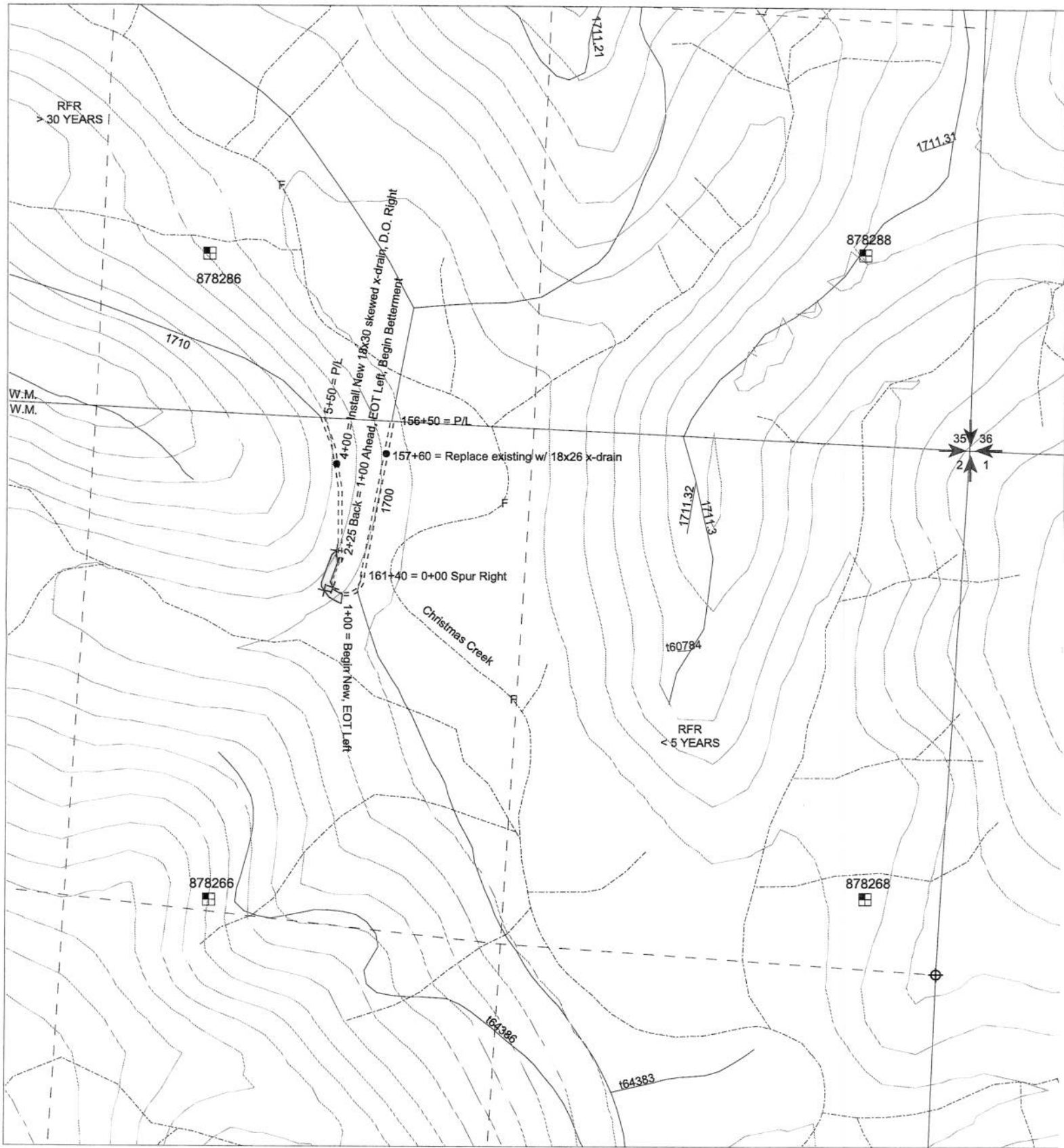
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Title: Forester 2

Date: 10/01/2009

Exhibit "A" - Jefferson County, Township 25 North, Range 12 West, W.M., Section 2



400 0 400 800 Feet

Projection: WA state plane North

RFR BLOCK: 26.226
FPA EXHIBIT MAP
Approximate scale: 1 Inch = 400 Feet
R/W Harvest = 0.1 acres

- Existing Roads
- Streams
- RMZ Boundary
- Betterment
- New Const.
- Culvert
- Leave Trees
- Harvest Boundary
- Stream Type Breaks



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